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VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

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The annual meeting of the members of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association was held yesterday at the City Hall. H.E. the Governor presided over a good attendance, and was supported by Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C. and Mr. Wakeman, hon. secretary.

Sir Henry said he was glad to see such a good attendance at that meeting. It was now no longer necessary for him as he did on the last occasion to preach the doctrine of learning to shoot because the words then uttered had fallen on fertile ground and the young men and the manhood of the Colony generally had responded almost universally to the appeal then made. The crusade which was started in England before that Association was formed was still being pursued with vigour by that great soldier Lord Roberts, and as they were all probably aware, most towns in the United Kingdom had now miniature rifle ranges for the purpose of affording practice in shooting. Most of them had noticed that the Queen had given a cup worth 100 guineas to be competed for on miniature rifle ranges, and what Her Majesty had done His Excellency had done to encourage shooting in Hongkong. It would be pleasant for His Excellency to know that the cup—which was worthy of acceptance—had been won with a score which was worthy of the occasion (applause). Proceeding to give a résumé of the work of the Association during the past year, Sir Henry said that on 1st January, 1906 the strength of the Association was 213 and he had great pleasure in stating that on 1st January, 1907, the strength was 251—(applause)—an increase of 38. It was satisfactory to note that the membership had not stood at 251. It was more than that now. What was more satisfactory than mere numbers was the record of shooting, which showed an all round improvement. This was especially so in the competition for the Governor's Cup. His Excellency would be glad to learn that the first three competitors had learned to shoot since they joined the Association. (applause). The score of the winner was 355 out of a possible 420, equal to 44 points out of every possible five (applause). Further good had resulted from the shooting for that Cup given by His Excellency. That was the extreme competition of the members, there being no fewer than 1470 entries for the competition. Not only was the competition keen but it was close, this being shown by the fact that there were only eight points between the first five men (applause). That was as good as could be hoped for. During the time the cup was being shot for there was a keen competition all along, and it was not held in any one month by a competitor with a score less than 70 (applause). What was most interesting was the fact that in November 1906 Mr. Ridgeon won the cup from scratch (applause). He fired 16 shots, including two eighters and made 16 bulls (applause). The speaker expressed the hope that the cup would be as keenly competed for in 1907 as the cup about to be presented. In addition to that handsome cup before them, His Excellency would give another for the current year, while Sir Paul Chater would give another to the second shot in the competition for the Governor's Cup. Cups had also been promised by Mr. Orange, Mr. H. P. White, and Mr. Medhurst (applause), the conditions to which would be arranged by the committee. During the year Mr. Denison had given a cup which was won by Mr. J. C. Gow, a very steady shot. Sir Henry then referred to the success of the members of the Association at the meeting of the China United Service Rifle Association, and alluded to the opening of the new range at the Peak, which he regretted had not a greater range than 500 yards. He advised members not to neglect the opportunities for shooting at the distances afforded by the new range, and mentioned that the Tramway Company had intimated to him that they were prepared to enter into an arrangement whereby members going to shoot would be granted tickets at 30 cents return instead of 50 (applause). The suggestion made by His Excellency as to shooting at vanishing targets had been carried out, and he was glad to say that good shooting had been done during the year at vanishing targets. Competition for a prize generously given by the China Mail had taken place, and though none of the members had ever shot at such a target before, the contest was keen, three men being for the first place. Concluding, he trusted that the members would continue to do good work in the future as in the past year and added that the regular attendances and the success of the Association were largely due to the zeal of their secretary, Mr. Wakeman (applause) who had shown himself a worthy successor of Mr. Trenchard Davis. The Association had been fortunate in having two such men at its command during the first two years of its existence. Mr. Wakeman, who was leaving the Colony, wished to resign, and he was sure they all joined with him in thanking Mr. Wakeman for the work he had done.

The report and balance sheet were afterwards adopted. Hon. Mr. HEWITT proposed that the Hon. Mr. F. B. May and Messrs. L. C. Bird, W. H. Trenchard Davis, J. C. Gow, A. Mackenzie, F. Millard, P. Orniston and A. W. J. Watt be appointed to the committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. SAUNDERS seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Mr. GOMPERTZ proposed the re-election of Sir Henry Berkeley as chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. C. PETER seconded. Carried nem. con. Sir HENRY BERKELEY stated that Mr. Wakeman was resigning the secretaryship as

he was shortly leaving for home. He proposed to members that they should elect as a successor Mr. E. S. Carruthers of the Royal Engineers. They had been extremely fortunate in getting him to consent to act in case he was elected. He was a capable organizer and took a keen interest in the work. Members agreed that Mr. Carruthers should be elected hon. secretary and treasurer for the ensuing twelve months.

His Excellency then presented Mr. A. J. Watt with the Governor's Cup and Mr. J. C. Gow with the China Mail Cup, after which he said: Sir Henry Berkeley and gentlemen—It has been a source of much gratification to me to hear from Sir Henry's speech of the progress made by this Association. There was one point which was not quite clear to me in Sir Henry's speech, and possibly he will take an opportunity of explaining it; the statement that the membership of the Association on December 31st consisted of 251 members, but in subsequent remarks he stated that all these members were not effective. I think it would be of interest to us to know how many were non-effective—that is to say, how many members of this shooting Association don't shoot. Possibly it may be well on some other occasion to show in detail. Though it is of great importance that a man should be a marksman, it is even of greater importance that a large number of men should be able to shoot reasonably well, and this report is a little bit deficient in information as to the tail end of the list. When I approached the Secretary of State on the subject of the Volunteers and the Volunteer Reserve last year, that is to say when I forwarded the report of the year ending March 31st, 1906, I stated that "the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association continues to make most satisfactory progress, the membership having increased from 76 to a total of 230 during the year under review. Of these the 80 most efficient members put in on the average 1635 attendances at the range and made an average score of 47 out of a possible 70 for each 14 shots. The remaining 150 put in on the average 5.87 for attendances, and made an average score of 30 under similar conditions." I read you that to show you what strikes me as being important figures in connection with an Association such as the one I am now addressing. We want to have a high average; that is even more important than that a few men should be crack shots. As I read that extract I ventured to mention a remark made on the report it contained. This report deals with the Volunteers and the Volunteer Reserve, and was sent by the Secretary of State to the Colonial Defence Committee for their consideration. They made observations on certain details, then added the general remark: "Great credit is due to the British civil population for their liberal personal support of the various forces" (applause). The remark of the Colonial Defence Committee was sent to the Army Council, which body concurred. Two small points referred to in Sir Henry Berkeley's speech require a little elucidation for me. I certainly adhere to the remark I made last year about the necessity of shooting at longer ranges than 500 yards. Sir Henry says it is not practicable to have a range of 600 yards at the Peak, but it has since been reported to be practicable. I said I would wait before sanctioning the considerable expenditure which would be involved in its construction, however, until it was proved that ample use was made of the Peak range. This is how the matter stands now, and no doubt Sir Henry will be able to let me know if that condition has been fulfilled. I am glad that my further suggestion that there should be some shooting at vanishing targets has also been carried out, and that encouragement has been given to this particularly desirable form of practice by the generosity of the China Mail newspaper (applause). With these few remarks I will ask you to give a cordial vote of the thanks to the president of the Association—Sir Henry Berkeley—to whom so much of its success is due.

The vote was carried by acclamation and followed by loud applause.

Sir HENRY BERKELEY then returned thanks, and afterwards stated with respect to the query regarding the members quoted that it was quite true there were 251 members, and that not all were effective. But very nearly all were. The 251 were composed of a few who never could and never would be effective. These non-effective men who came forward originally came forward to set an example to the younger men of the Colony (applause).

With reference to the Peak range, he was glad to hear the matter stood as it did. He was sure members of the Association would also be glad, because he and members of the committee were under the impression that it would be dangerous for persons passing along the road to have the long range when suggested.

Mr. R. SHERMAN stated that as one of the non-effective members to whom Sir Henry Berkeley referred, and as one who never could be effective but tried to do his duty in a humble way in other respects, he had much pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency for attending. Some Governors were a deal too high to mix with mortals like us, but our Governor never worried of assisting some institution like this, for he had the welfare of the community at heart. A great deal of the Association's success was due to Sir Matthew Nathan, who was a friend in need and a tower of strength to it. He was a very busy and hard-worked man as all knew, and for that reason they should show their appreciation for his kindness to the Association. Some cynic described patriotism as the last refuge of the scoundrel, but neither His Excellency nor these present would believe in this description. The speaker then called for a hearty vote of thanks for the Governor, which was accorded, and terminated the meeting.

THE PINE-APPLE TRUST.

From the Straits Times of March 9th.—A proposal to enter the pine-apple industry of the Straits Settlements was discussed in Singapore to-day.

The far-reaching effect of such a combine, not only in Singapore and the immediate neighbourhood, where the growing and canning of the fruit forms one of the principal industries, cannot be underestimated. Employment is given to thousands of hands, and although the effect of a trust may not prove detrimental to labour, the effect of such a combine is not certain of being altogether beneficial.

At present the subject is being discussed in private, and so closely has the matter been guarded that very little has leaked out to the public. From inquiries made by a representative of the Straits Times sufficient was gleaned to form an idea of what some of the principal export firms of the Colony have suggested to the leading pine-apple merchants of Singapore.

We understand, on very good authority, that at noon to-day a meeting was held at the offices of Messrs. John Travers and Son for the purpose of discussing the proposal. An application by one of our representatives to attend the meeting was not entertained as the business was said to be of a purely private character. But having regard to the far-reaching effect of the proposals and the importance of the question to the revenue of the Colony, further inquiries were instituted with the result that additional facts were gleaned. There were, of course, no means of corroborating the statements regarding the proposals, but as the information was obtained in quarters usually well informed on all questions relating to the pine-apple industry they can be accepted as material facts.

It is understood that orders will be received from home as usual, and instead of fulfilling these immediately it is the intention of the firms composing the combine to meet daily and decide whether to sell at prices fixed by the foreign importer. Should it be considered that the rates are too low and higher prices might follow at a subsequent date, the intending purchaser will be acquainted with the fact and the fruit kept on hand. Meanwhile, should there be no signs of a higher market, the combine will take the fruit on offer from the merchants and advance to them "eighty per cent of the market value."

Should the proposal meet with the desired success, it is the intention of the combine to proceed on these lines for three years, at the end of which time the question will again be discussed.

In the course of conversation with a gentleman well-versed in the pine-apple industry of the Colony, our representative raised the question of the possibility of such a trust succeeding. To his mind success cannot be assured, as apart from the fact that quite a number of dealers have refused to enter, owing to engagements with other exporting firms, the demand in the United Kingdom, which imports the largest quantity of the fruit, is far in excess of the supply. At the time of going to press we had been unable to gather whether the movement will proceed further as the result of the meeting.

Meanwhile, it is of interest to note that there are more than fifteen pine-apple factories in Singapore being worked by steam power, and that the fruit exported numbers something like 550,000 cases each year, of the total value of nearly \$3,000,000. The United Kingdom takes about 250,000 cases, of the value of \$1,500,000, the United States 60,000 cases valued at \$300,000, and Sweden, Tringran, Turkey in Asia, Turkey in Europe, and a number of British possessions the remainder.

Our telegrams have shown how a tortoise the combine was.—Ed.

The average man is still jealous of his helpmeet and partner. His ideal at heart is still the farmyard cock, strutting about with all his worthless feathers around him. He is willing to find them also little bits, but they present a world of trouble to him for themselves. The ordinary man would still much rather glorify women and set them on a neck throne, whence he can deprecate them at will, than have to acknowledge them a real title to regard.

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Kulangan (Amoy) Municipal Council, held at the Board Room, on the 26th February 1907.

Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Vice-chairman), C. A. V. Bowra, A. F. Gardiner, W. Kraus, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2. A letter is read from the Senior Consul forwarding an extract from a despatch from the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps at Peking referring to the interpretation of Clause 4 of the Land Regulations for the Settlement of Kulangan. The Diplomatic Corps does not uphold the decision of the Consular Body at this port concerning the qualification of voters under Clause 4 of the Land Regulations which was communicated to the Municipal Council in Mr. Uyeno's letter of the 23rd February 1906.

The Secretary is instructed to publish the Diplomatic Corps decision in the "Amoy Gazette" and also to send round as "Express."

3. Letter is read from Fook Tai Cheong, a comprador and storekeeper of Kulangan, requesting permission to buy meat from the Amoy side when no meat is to be obtained in the Settlement.

The Secretary is instructed to inform him that the Council has no reason for altering the Regulations forbidding the sale of meat on the Island of Kulangan which has not been slaughtered in the Municipal Slaughter house and bearing the municipal "clap," at the same time pointing out that the Council realizes that at times there may be a shortage in the supply of beasts for killing, but that compradors and meat sellers can easily overcome this difficulty by combining together and importing sufficient cattle into this Settlement for slaughter at the Municipal Slaughter house, to meet the requirements of their customers. The Council are prepared to receive and consider at any time, suggestions for the improvement in the supply of cattle for slaughtering on the island, so as to prevent any inconvenience to traders and their customers.

(Signed) FRED E. MARSHALL, Chairman.

By order, C. BERKELEY MITCHELL, Secretary.

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FUNNELS AND FLAGS.

A SWALLOW BUOY ADRIPT.

By advertisement on page 4 the Harbour Master at Swatow informs mariners that the Dove Hook Whistling Buoy broke adrift from its moorings during a gale on the 15th inst.

The British India steamer *Zibegilia*, the Coromandel Coast boat, went ashore on February 25th, in the Rangoon River below the Hastings bar. She had 550 passengers on board, and they were taken off in lighters. The vessel was expected to be refloated in the course of a week. The *Zibegilia* is an old steamer built in 1883, by Messrs. J. Elder & Co. for the B. I. S. N. Company.

THE WRECK OF THE "LARCHMONT." One of the saddest things in the mail papers is the account of the wreck of the steamer *Larchmont* on the New England coast, U. S., after a collision with a coal laden barge. A moderate estimate places the dead at 150. The steamer survivors are in a precarious condition. They are all severely frost-bitten as the result of their terrible experiences in the open boats with the temperature at zero. The spray continually dashed over the little raft, freezing as it fell, and in almost every case the survivors, when lifted from the boats, were unable to use their limbs, their legs and arms hanging helplessly. Captain Gray of the Joy liner *Kentucky*, which rushed to the scene of the disaster, reported that there was about five feet of water in the state-rooms on the *Larchmont*'s hurricane deck, and that the seas were breaking over her. When returning to Block Island, Captain Gray remarked huge cakes of ice on the beach and on driving near found that a number of bodies were encased in them. "It was," he says, "the most horrible sight I ever saw. There were thirty bodies strewn the beach, all of them encased in ice." In the bottoms of some of the boats he found twelve bodies, including those of several women who had been frozen to death while drifting. Captain Gray was unable to ascertain the names of the survivors owing to their precarious condition, and he mentions that the bodies will be left in the ice until they are landed over to the undertakers. Nearly all the surviving passengers agree in saying that both the crew and the officers of the *Larchmont* behaved well, and that Captain McVey, as soon as he realised the scope of the disaster, took prompt measures to save the passengers, giving preference to the women and children. The mob of panic-stricken passengers was, however, almost uncontrollable. Men and women fought each other on the deck for places in the boats and on the rafts. Many never reached the deck at all, but were suffocated below in their quarters or drowned between decks by the rushing waters. Within ten minutes after the collision the boats got away from the ship's side, just as the vessel settled low in the water, with the waves crashing over her. The bitter cold and the high seas completed the work of destruction, and the little bands which got away were decimated by the same means.

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struck the rocks about five o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The weather was clear, with scarcely a breeze to disturb the water. The *Dakota* passed the Inabuya Lightship about twelve o'clock noon, and signals were exchanged between the vessel and the lightship. Between half-past four and five o'clock many of the passengers on deck were watching the sun sinking in the western sky. It was, in fact, one of the most calm and peaceful evenings one could wish to experience at sea. About five o'clock those on board heard a grinding sound as the *Dakota* passed over the rock. The passengers did not realize what had happened until the vessel came to a dead stop. The vessel listed, and at once began to settle. Signals were flown to the lightship at Nomima and to the shore, and in a short time a number of sampans were alongside the vessel. Into these, as well as to the ship's life-boats, the passengers were transferred, the work being carried out quietly and without any handbags. Several of the passengers took their handbags, but no heavy baggage was landed at the time. By half-past five o'clock—in broad daylight the whole of the passengers had been taken off. Some were landed at the Nomima lighthouse and accommodated at the inn, while others went ashore and were provided for at inns and private residences at the village of Shirahama. The ladies speak in terms of praise of the assistance rendered and kindness shown them by the villagers.

SINGAPORE STEAMER ANKORH IN GULF OF SUZ.

The steamer *Candlish* from Barry Docks for Singapore is ashore in the Gulf of Suez (Feb. 14). Her forward part is full of water. Assistance has been sent to the Captain of the steamer *Wesselsfeldt*, which arrived from Hamburg, reports that she spoke to the British steamer *Q. N. W. L.* (in Colombo on February 25) (Candlish) stranded in the Gulf of Suez, 25 miles North-West of Ashraf just North of Zerti hill, which signalled "bow compartment full of water, please send help." The *Wesselsfeldt* has reported the same to a blue funnel steamer going northward.

The *Candlish* is a British steamer of 3,799 tons gross and 2,466 tons net, Captain J. C. Niblett, owned by Benett & Co. She was built in 1899 by Furness, Withy & Co. Ltd., of West Hartlepool and was registered at Grimsby. Her dimensions are:—length 340 ft.; breadth 47 ft. 1 in. and depth 19 ft. 9 in.

LATEST RE "DAKOTA."

The *Japan Chronicle* received yesterday says:—Mr. Miller, the U.S. Consul-General at Yokohama, on behalf of the U.S. Government, addressed a letter of thanks to the Governor of Chiba, on Monday, for the splendid assistance rendered to the passengers and crew of the *Dakota* by the fishermen of Shirahama, both in rescuing the passengers and their effects from the ship, and in assisting the passengers and crew during their stay in the village. Mr. Miller enclosed a cheque for ¥300 for the fishermen.

Some of the *Dakota*'s passengers left Yokohama on Saturday, and the remainder were to leave yesterday by the *Siberia* for Shanghai and Hongkong; their hotel expenses up to that date being borne by the Great Northern Steamship Company.

Captain Francke is still at Shirahama, with several of the officers. On inquiry at the U. S. Consulate-General at Yokohama on Monday, the *Japan Herald* was informed that nothing has been decided in regard to any inquiry. The Chinese crew were shipped to Hongkong yesterday, and the white crew left for the States on Monday on the *Tremont*.

According to the *Asahi*, about 5,000 bales of American raw cotton went down with the *Dakota*. Of this quantity, 2,500 bales were consigned to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, about 1,000 bales to Mr. Hibiya, a leading cotton-merchant of Tokyo, and about 1,500 or 1,600 to Messrs. C. Moritz & Co. and other firms. All this cotton was shipped under contract with spinning companies and raw cotton merchants, and the contract price is much cheaper than the present market quotations. The Mitsui Bussan and other consignees insured the cotton for sums varying from 5 to 10 per cent above purchase-price, in accordance with custom. Speaking strictly from a legal point of view, says the *Asahi*, the consignees are entitled to demand the cancellation of the contracts, on the ground they have been incapacitated from delivering the goods or executing the contract by the *Dakota*, but in consideration of the advantage to their buyers the consignees have offered to settle the matter by paying them the premium of the insurance. Some of the buyers, however, are opposed to this arrangement. They maintain that when the raw cotton market declined in such a case as the present, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha completely ignored the interests of buyers, and delivered raw cotton of the same quality which the company held in stock. The buyers had no option but to submit to the action of the Mitsui Bussan. In the present case, when the raw cotton market has gone up very high, the Mitsui Bussan should, strictly speaking, deliver the cotton from their stock, according to the company's usage in the past. It is said, these objectors contend, of the company to attempt to settle the matter merely by paying the insurance premium instead of delivering the goods, as before, acting under the protection of law. Buyers are fully entitled to the insurance premium, and in receiving it they are in no way under any obligation to the Mitsui Bussan.

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LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.C.M. str. *Princess Alice* which left here on Thursday, the 14th March, arrived at Singapore on Monday, the 18th March, at noon.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived Nagasaki at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, 18th March, and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Kobe where she was due at 10 p.m. yesterday (Tuesday), 19th March.

The str. *Louther Castle* sailed from Fuchow at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, 19th March, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. str. *Aki Maru* (American Line), left Kobe via Moji and Shanghai on the 18th March, and is due here on the 24th March.

The str. *Empire* from Sydney, A.C., left Port Darwin on Tuesday, 19th March, for Manila and this port.

The N.Y.K. str. *Bombay Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 18th March, and is expected here on the 25th March.

The I.C.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday, 17th March, p.m., and may be expected here on or about 27th March.

THE NEW SANNING RAILWAY.

The Hongkong correspondent of the N.C. Daily News says:—This new line has been on the carpet for some time. Two men have been for years specially interested in the scheme, and there seems to be now a reasonable hope, that some of them will see the work through before he goes and leave the fruition of his pondering to others. The line is quite an inland one. It covers about fifty miles. The important and very dirty city of Sanning is the interior terminus, and at the other, on the main river, from which there is an easy communication to Kongmoon, Maeco, Canton and Hongkong, a new town is to be built. This new town is to be laid out after the model of American towns and will include a big innovation and an object lesson to the Chinese here who have never travelled. Already the bed of the line has been laid, but the bridges have yet to be built. The engines and other material have been purchased from America. Those who have charge of the line are Chinese, and as far as we know, they have never had any technical training in any college or school, but have gained vast knowledge by posing from practical railway building in the United States. About \$3,000,000 will be necessary for the construction of the line, and of this, two-thirds have been subscribed in America, and the other third has been found elsewhere—though not all in the province. Indeed the whole of this enterprise is the direct fruit of travel among the Chinese, and of their successful trading instincts, which, as everybody knows, they inherit to a large degree. The enterprise will bring Hongkong nearer to the great central population of a rich plain, which is covered with market towns and large villages and is one of the most fruitful districts in the whole of China. Steamers already run regularly to Kongmoon, where there is a large Customs station, and this new line will itself be connected with the station at no distant date. The line will be finished by the end of the year.

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J. J. BLAKE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1907. 605

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG STATION.

REFERRING to the Company's Notice of the 20th January, according to which the Rate of Collection for Telegram Charges was fixed at Dollars \$0.36, equal to Pice 1.00 for the quarter ending 31st March, 1907, Senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that the said rate will remain unaltered subject to revision after three months dating from 1st April, 1907.

OLAF NIELSEN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1907. 606

WATKINS LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Watkins Building, 31, Queen's Road Central, on Saturday the 20th March, 1907, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1906.

TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd to the 30th March, both days inclusive.

G. A. WATKINS, General Manager.

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THE CHINA TRADING INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 13th April, 1907, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1906, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March, to the 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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SWATOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 32.

DOVE ROCK BUOY ADRIFF.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOVE ROCK WHISTLING BUOY broke adrift from its moorings during the gale of the 15th instant.

The Buoy will be replaced as soon as practicable.

A. HOLZ, Harbour Master.

Approved:—

E. A. CURRIE, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Customs in charge.

Custom House, Swatow, 15th March, 1907. 609

TO LET.

NO. 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for Offices and Godown. Apply on the Premises.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1907. 610

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

On MONDAY,

14th March, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., within his Residence, No. 10, Mountain View, the Peak, THE WHOLE of the

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

THERRIN CONTAINED,

Comprising:—

TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUIT, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD AND DINING WAGON with GLASS, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DYNING TABLE, BOOKCASE, VIENNA CHAIRS, GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, PICTURES, CARPETS, RUGS, TEAKWOOD CHAIRS, DRAWERS AND WARDROBES, DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE AND HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASHBASINS, TEAKWOOD DRESSING TABLE with GLASS, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1907. 611

INDO-CHINA STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on-board after 4 p.m., the 21st inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1907. 18.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

M. HERBERT RICHARD BUDD HANGKONG. This Day authorised to SIGN the name of our Firm.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. Hongkong, 15th February, 1907. 400

HOWARD & CO.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between the Undersigned HERBERT STEPHENS, PAUL TREGILLUS and LOUIS VINCENT as Merchants and Foreign Representatives at 50, Queen's Road Central, Victoria Hongkong under the style of "HOWARD & CO." has been This Day Dissolved by mutual consent so far as the undersigned LOUIS VINCENT is concerned and all interest and responsibility of the said LOUIS VINCENT in the said business ceases from and including the 15th March instant.

The business will in future be carried on by the undersigned HERBERT STEPHENS and PAUL TREGILLUS.

All Debts will be paid and all Accounts collected by the said HERBERT STEPHENS and PAUL TREGILLUS.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1907.

HERBERT STEPHENS, PAUL TREGILLUS, LOUIS VINCENT. 598

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the HONGKONG CLUB, Payable on SATURDAY, the 30th March, 1907, will be held at the Hongkong Club House, at 11 o'clock a.m. TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), 20th March, 1907. Bearer of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1907. 573

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE GOVERNMENT of the FEDERATED, Malay States are prepared to receive Offers for the purchase of the Steam Yacht "MERAN" Length 125 ft. 6 inches. Beam 18 ft. 6 inches. Depth 11 ft. 6 inches. Compound Engine capable of driving the Vessel 10 knots per hour.

Fitted with Kerosene Light throughout. Built in 1889 by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

For further information or particulars apply to the INSPECTOR of MARINE SURVEYS, S.S., Singapore, or the HARBOUR MASTER, Port Swatow.

Sailed Offers to be sent to the FEDERAL SECRETARY, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, to arrive not later than 30th March, 1907.

Selangor, Malay Peninsula, 19th Feb., 1907. 470

HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYING CO., LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the GENERAL MANAGERS in issue to ALFRED BROOK SMITH, Esq., of Hongkong DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE of 145 Shares in the above Company upon the statement that the Original Certificate viz. No. 363 dated 19th August 1905 for 145 Shares numbered 10572 to 10714, 112051 to 112075, 1111 to 1121, 1087 to 1091 and 4076 to 4090

HAS BEEN LOST OR STOLEN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the GENERAL MANAGERS they will then proceed to deal with such application for a duplicate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1907. 578

COME AND INSPECT

Our Special Varieties of ARTISTIC VIEW POSTCARDS

ALL KINDS OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS, ALBUMS AND OTHER

PHILATELIC GOODS.

At PRICES TO SUIT ANY BUYERS.

GRACE & CO., Hongkong Hotel Corridor.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1907. 128

MITSU BISHI DOCKYARD AND ENGINE WORKS, NAGASAKI.

CODE WORD: "DOCK."

A. I. A. B. C., and Engineering Code Used.

NEW DOCK NOW OPEN.

DOCK NO. 3.

Extreme Length... 722 feet.

Length on Blocks... 714 "

Width of Entrance on Top... 963 "

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 829 "

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 34 "

DOCK NO. 1.

Extreme Length... 523 feet.

Length on Blocks... 513 "

Width of Entrance on Top... 69 "

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 75 "

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 64 "

DOCK NO. 2.

Extreme Length... 571 feet.

Length on Blocks... 561 "

Width of Entrance on Top... 36 "

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 53 "

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 22 "

PATENT SLIP.

Suitable for vessels up to 1,000

THE WORKS are well equipped with LATEST PLANTS and APPLIANCES to undertake BUILDING or REPAIRING SHIPS, ENGINES, and BOILERWORK, and also ELECTRICAL WORK.

A LARGE STOCK OF MATERIAL is always kept on hand.

THE COMPANY has the powerful steamer "OURA-MARU" (712 tons, 700 I.H.P., especially built for SALVAGE PURPOSES) equipped with necessary gear, always ready for Short Notice.

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD. will be held at the CITY HALL, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 20th day of March, 1907, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Subjoined Resolutions will be proposed:

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association viz:—

(a) That the words "person for the time being in charge of the business of" be inserted between the word "Manager" and the word "or" in the 4th line of Article No. 50.

(b) That the words "from and including Article No. 70 down to and including the words 'it willing to act'" in the 4th line of Article No. 70 be eliminated and the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(c) That the words "from and including Article No. 71 down to and including the words 'it willing to act'" in the 3rd line of Article No. 71 be eliminated and the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(d) That the words "or the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word "he" and the word "is" in the second line of Article No. 78.

(e) That the words "the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word "he" and the word "is" in the first line of Article No. 82.

2. That the above Resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 5th day of March, 1907.

By Order, E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, 81, George's Building, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 23rd March, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 20th March, until SATURDAY, the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1907. 547

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 81, George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on the THURSDAY OF APRIL, 1907, at 11 o'clock in the FORENOON when the Subjoined Resolutions which were passed at a Meeting held on 16th day of March, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from £2,000,000 to £2,500,000 by the issue of 250,000 New Shares of £10 each.

2. That the Articles of Association be altered by striking out the figures "£1,500" in Clause 6 of Article XII, and by substituting therefor the figures "£1,000" and by striking out the word "lands" in the second line of Clause 1 of Article XVI, and by inserting in the said Clause 1 new Clauses as follows:—

(a) The Company in General Meeting may in the year 1907 pass a Resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$90,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and accordingly that that sum be distributed as a bonus amongst the Shareholders in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and that the General Managers be authorised to distribute among the Shareholders the 20,000 unissued Shares in like proportions.

(b) Where such Resolution has been passed the General Managers may issue all of the 20,000 unissued Shares credited as \$450 paid up to the Shareholders in satisfaction of the said bonus in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and prior to such allotment the General Managers may authorise any person on behalf of the Shareholders to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to him of such shares credited as \$450 paid up and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be of effect.

Dated 16th day of March, 1907.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1907. 593

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, 1907, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1906, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd April to the 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1907. 584

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1907. 548

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1907. 550

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 25th day of March, 1907, at 11 o'clock in the FORENOON, when the Subjoined Resolutions will be proposed:

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association viz:—

(a) That line one and line two of Article No. 55 be eliminated except the words "shall be the" at the end of line two and that the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead and that the words "Senior Representative" in lines 6 and 9 of Article No. 55 be eliminated and the words "Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(b) That the words "person for the time being in charge of the business of" be inserted between the word "Manager" and the words "or Agent" in the 3rd line of Article No. 59.

(c) That the following new Article to be numbered No. 62A be inserted between Articles 62 and 63:—

"62A. The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company and shall hold office until the Company in pursuance of Clause 1 of the Memorandum of Association and of these Articles appoint some other person to act as Managing Director in his stead."

(d) That the first line and the second line of Article No. 70 be eliminated except the words "shall be the" at the end of the second line and that the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead and that the words "Senior Representative" in line 6 of Article No. 69 be eliminated and the words "Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(e) That the words "the" in the 2nd line of Article 75 be eliminated and the word "a" inserted and that the word "at" at the end of the word "Directors" in the second line of Article No. 75 be eliminated and that the words "or a Managing Director" be inserted between the word "Directors" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 75.

(f) That at the end of Article No. 77 the following words be added: "Provided that the Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business in Hongkong of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall not be disqualified from the Office of Managing Director or Director because he does not personally hold the necessary shares provided Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall hold the necessary shares."

(g) That the words "not" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Article No. 80 and the words "but not including" at the end of the first line of Article No. 80 be eliminated and the word "or" inserted instead.

(h) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Article No. 83 and the words "save as provided in s. 6" be inserted between the word "including" and the word "a" in the first line of Article No. 83 and the words "but not including" at the end of the first line of Article No. 83 be eliminated and the word "or" inserted instead and that the words "or the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word "he" and the word "is" in the first line of s. 6 of Article No. 83.

(i) That the words "including a Managing Director" in the third line and the words "Director but" in the 4th line of Article No. 84 be eliminated and that the words "or" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Article No. 84 and the words "save as provided in s. 6" be inserted between the word "including" and the word "a" in the first line of Article No. 84 and the words "but not including" at the end of the first line of Article No. 84 be eliminated and the word "or" inserted instead.

(j) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Article No. 87 and the words "save as provided in s. 6" be inserted between the word

EDWIN, German ste., 1,107, Langshewagen,
 12th March—Saigon 8th March, General—
 —Bathfield & Swire.
 FAAL, Norwegian ste., 1,380, O. H. Gundersen,
 11th March—Kajang (Borneo) 2nd March,
 Timber and Firewood—Chinese.
 FUKUMU MARI, Japanese ste., 1,600, T. Ito,
 16th March—Anping 13rd March, General—
 —Onaka Shosha Kaisha.
 GLENF CAR, British ste., 2,350, W. L. Holwell,
 20th March—Molai and Percu, 26th Nov.—
 McGregor Bros & Co.
 HAICHING, British ste., 1,267, A. E. Hodgins,
 14th March—Poonhow, 10th Army 12th
 and Ssawto 12th March, General—
 —Douglas Lupton & Co.
 HILARY, German ste., 1,275, H. Becker, 9th
 March—Sourabaya 2nd February, Sugar
 and—Bathfield & Swire.
 HONGKONG, British ste., 1,627, E. J. Jorrell, 15th
 March—Bedow 11th Mar.—E. R. Martz.
 HONGMORI, British ste., 2,553, Wm. Dawson,
 8th March—Singapore 28th Feb., General—
 —Chinese.
 ISORE MARI, Jap. ste., 2,998, K. Hayashi,
 15th March—Meiji 9th March Coal—
 JAPAN, Dutch ste., 1,474, P. M. G. Cleveland,
 20th March—May 14th March General—
 —Java-China-Japan Line.
 KAIFONG, British ste., 1,561 E. Finlayson, 15th
 March—Coburn and Hoile 11th March, gener—
 —Bathfield & Swire.
 KAISER FRANZ JOSEF I, Austro-Hungarian
 cruiser, 4,392, Ferdinand Hublay, 17th
 March—Nagasaki 13th March.
 KEONG, W. M. German ste., 2,497, T. Kohler,
 27th Feb.—Batavia 19th Feb., Rice—
 —Bathfield & Swire.
 KOITSCHANG, German ste., 1,292, G. Kolschlag,
 17th March—Bangkok and Kolschlag
 7th and 19th March. Rice, Med. Lumber—
 —Bathfield & Swire.
 KRUMPHAL, Norwegian ste., 549, Hansen, 18th
 March—Saigon 12th March, Rice—Asgaard
 Thomson & Co.
 LAKE, German ste., 949, J. A. Jensen, 12th
 March—Nadua Island via Singapore 3rd
 March, Timber and Planks—(Chinese).
 LAERTER, British ste., 1,349, Jackson, 15th
 March—Saigon 11th March, Rice and
 General—Chinese.
 MABERATA, American ste., 721, John A. R.
 Gushing, 2nd March—Singapore 24th
 March, General.
 MARIA BRUNNEN, German ste., 2,157, A.
 Rupp, 17th March—Kuchino 12th Mar.
 Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 MARIE, German ste., 1,169, P. Petersen, 16th
 March—Saigon 18th March, Rice & Paddy
 —Jabon & Co.
 MASAN MARI, Japanese ste., 792, I. Sakurai,
 15th March—Yamou 18th March, General—
 —Onaka Shosha Kaisha.
 MERCKEID, British transport, 2,900, J. S. Mc-
 Gregor, 29th Jan.—Singapore 22nd Jan.,
 Coal—Admiralty.
 PHU YEN, French ste., 2,110, Bonisson, 15th
 Feb.—Saigon 11th Feb., Rice—Bradley
 & Co.
 POWONGON, German ste., 998, W. Bofebur,
 14th Bangkok 9th March, Rice—
 —Nordstedt & Wedel.
 PRINZ WALDMAR, German ste., 1,796, C.
 Woldemar, 18th Sept.—Kebu 12th Sept.,
 General—Molichers & Co.
 PROGRESS, German ste., 1,887, H. Jähren, 17th
 March—Saigon 12th March, Rice and
 General—Simmons & Co.
 PROTUS, Norwegian ste., 1,924, N. C. Krabbe,
 14th March—Saigon 9th March, Rice
 and General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 RAJAH, German ste., 1,775, A. Damber, 18th
 February—Bangkok 14th Feb., Rice and
 Teak—Bathfield & Swire.
 RATHO, British ste., 2,747, J. Thomson, 9th
 March—New York and Manila 6th Feb.,
 Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.
 RUBY, British ste., 1,611, R. W. Alvord, 16th
 March—Manila 15th March, General—
 —Sheehan, Thomas & Co.
 SEINU MARI, Japanese steamer, 1,395, L. H.
 Matsushita, 2nd March—Kobu 22nd Feb.,
 General—Japanese.
 SOISOGON, American ste., 428, Vitteria, 7th
 Sept.—Manila 4th Sept., Ballast—Order—
 SOREH MARI, Japanese ste., 1,137, P. Surunga,
 2nd Feb.—Sinhgati via Kookoon, Amoy
 and Swatow 17th Feb., General—Onaka
 Shosha Kaisha.
 SUFEZ, Russian ste., 1,315, Klomson 11th March—
 —Saigon 4th March.
 SUMA MARI, Japanese ste., 2,264 Yamaguchi,
 11th March—Saigon 3rd March, Rice—
 —Gihm & Co.
 TAITE, German ste., 2,768, H. Denison, R.N.R.,
 15th March—Yanconur, B.C. 14th Feb.,
 General—C. P. R. Co.
 TEECKE, British ste., 5,505, J. Barvis, 25th
 February—Tacoma 23rd Feb. General—
 —Bathfield & Swire.
 TITANIA, German ste., 3,806, Shaska, 14th
 March—Zambosia 26th Feb.
 TITANIAT, German ste., 2,475, P. J. v. Emmen-
 dorf, 12th Feb.—Meiji 12 Feb., Coal—
 —Java-China-Japan Line.
 TRANQUER, Danish ste., 3,424, P. Thomson,
 17th March—Shanghai 14th Mar., General—
 —Melcher & Co.
 TSUKUYAMA, Japanese ste., 2,552, E. Shimizu,
 28th Feb.—Kuchino 22nd Feb., Coal—
 —Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 TSUKUYAMA, Japanese ste., 3,290, W. Durbert, 8th
 March—Bangkok 27th February, Rice—
 —Bathfield & Swire.
 VICTO IA, Swedish ste., 969, Hallberg, 12th
 March—Saigon 7th March, Rice—Asgard,
 Thomson & Co.
 WAPPING, British ste., 1,170, Behari, 12th
 March—Saigon 8th March, Rice—Jardine,
 Matheson & Co.
 YAM, Maa, Korean ste., 2,476, K. Fujise 17th
 March—Meiji 12th March, Coal—Mitsui
 Bussan Kaisha.
 YAWAT, MARI, Japanese ste., 2,266, T. L.
 Harrison, 1th March—Moili 16th March
 General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 YIKSANO, British ste., 1,236, Thomas, 16th
 March—Saigon 14th March, Coal—General—
 —Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 YUEN SA, British ste., 1,738, T. M. Maynard,
 18th March—Manila 5th March, General—
 —Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BANKS

FOR	PRR	DATE
NY 100-151114	NY 100-151114	Wednesday 20th 11:00 AM

<p> EUROPA, &c., India via Telex..... 1 rate Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)..... (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the mail to be included in this enclosed mail). The Parcel mail will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd instanc. </p>	<p> Letters..... Saturday, 23rd, Printed Matter and Sam- ples..... Registration .. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.) Registration, 10.00 a.m. E.O..... No late fee..... Letters..... </p>	<p> Maccedonia..... 11.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. </p>
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Hongkong, 1st March, 1907.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

OPIUM.				March 19th.
Quotations are:—				
Malwa New	per picul.
Malwa Old	
Malwa Older	
Malwa V. Old	
Foreign fine quality	
Foreign extra fine.	
Patna New	per ch. -t.
Patna Old	
Patnares Old	
Benares New	
Benares Old	

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.
Feb 27th Bonawon Briggsia, Montgomeryville
Santora, Potrotoz, Dorothy, Falcon, Kurnat
St. Oswald. Mar. 2nd—Ambrosia, Borneo, Deception
Henry, Glenroy, Glenlegh, Merionethshire, S. ex
Wraycastle, 6th—Benader, Chistunia, I
dram, Jaco. Prinz Regent Latipold, 8th—
Formosa, Guicunau, Idomenes, Korban
Vill de la Ciudad, Inala Maru, Wahana Maru
Foxton Hall, Schofields. 12th—Denbighshire
Pen of Maine, Mazonco, Rhenania, Glenear
Satsuma, Shimosa, Suleid, (Ger.) 15—Aja
Jealous, Java, Tourane, Floridan, Norma
Prince.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....	2800,0
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-	
HOLDERS.....	2800,0
RESERVE FUND.....	2275,0

INTEREST allowed on Current Account
 the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance
 On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent
 " 6 " 3 1/2
 " 3 " 2 1/2

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
 Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1907. 115

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

Amoy	Kobe	Taiwan
Asping	Nagasaki	Tientsin
Foochow	Osaka	Tokio
Keelung	Shanghai	Yokohama
Swatow		

HONGKONG OFFICE:
3, DES VEAUX ROAD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received on terms which may be learnt on application.

D. TOH DOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st July 1906. 2045

13 Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.	MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REVISIONS
Barometer	57.1	57.25	57.14	March 19th.
Temperature	57	61	62	
Humidity	77	65	75	Barometer 9 A.M. 59.15 Therm. (Wetbulb) 9 A.M.
Wind Direction	E.N.E.	E	E	Barometer 1 P.M. 59.09 Therm. (Wetbulb) 1 P.M.
Force	1	4	4	Barometer 4 P.M. 59.05 Therm. (Wetbulb) 4 P.M.
Weather	C	C	C	Thermom. 9 A.M. 62 Therm. Maximum
Rain	—	—	—	Thermom. 1 P.M. 61 Therm. Minimum over
Highest open air Temperature on 18th.....	59	59	59	Thermom. 4 P.M. 64 night
Lowest open air Temperature on 18th.....	52	52	52	

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